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its own footing; that there are people who build a career dealing with geography? There are courses on geography and teachers don't know that. There are a lot of things teachers don't know and, as a result, they feel defensive and inferior. You don't hear them saying, when they're out here demonstrating Saturday, we need textbooks, we need textbooks. No, they say, gimme some money, gimme some money. And I say, when you show an interest in the children then you got me on your side. The teachers are not the ones who complain about lack of textbooks. They complain because parents won't go to PTA.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on the motion to indefinitely postpone if you care to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take this motion to a vote, but I'm going to use my time, and what I may do is reconsider but I don't have to do that. I think I've squeezed as much out of this bill as need to because it does what I think is essential to be done. Senator Wehrbein had mentioned what he, as the Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, has to do, and I don't find fault with that. There are people who may feel like the Omaha Public Schools are doing the best job in the world and they will support them, and they are as entitled to do that as I am to do what I'm doing. But I will certainly say they're blind, they're insensitive, and they have no concern for any children except those of white people, and the better-off white people. was a Susan Buffett who put a piece in the Omaha World-Herald. I don't know if she's the wife of Warren Buffett or the daughter or the granddaughter even because she talked about having moved away from Omaha, then she came back, so I don't really understand all these family trees and things. But she talked about how her children go to Central High and if things didn't go well in the public schools she has the wherewithal, because of having been born into the family she was born into, to take her children some place else, but other people don't have that opportunity. And my response, I talked about her letter on this cable program I do. I read the letter so her point of view could be heard. But the question I ask was where was she when